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Applicant : Dutrecq, et al.  
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For : METHOD FOR ANALYSIS BY  
MOLECULAR HYBRIDIZATION  
OF NUCLEIC ACIDS AND KIT  
FOR CARRYING OUT SAID  
METHOD (amended)  
Examiner : unknown  
Group Art Unit : unknown

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
VERIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (f)**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.